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Delaware's Reef Program: 1991-2012

The lecture series, "An Evening at the Hook," continues the 2012 season with "Delaware's Reef Program: 1991-2012" on Thursday, April 12, 2012, at 7:00pm at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge in Milton, Delaware. Delaware became the last state south of New York to establish a state sponsored reef program in July 1992. The main funding source is Wallop-Breaux funds, which are excise taxes on fishing and boating equipment that are paid by anglers and used to develop launch ramps and artificial reefs. Delaware's program has been well funded and very active, culminating in August 2011 with the sinking of the retired U.S. Navy destroyer Arthur W. Radford. This vessel is 563 feet in length and is the longest ship ever reefed in the Atlantic. Jeffrey Tinsman, Delaware Artificial Reef Program Manager with DNREC's Division of Fish and Wildlife, will provide an overview of Delaware's Reef Program and how it enhances fisheries habitat and angling opportunities. Join us before the lecture at 6:30pm for light refreshments.

"An Evening at the Hook" is a lecture series that highlights this nation's abundant and diverse natural resources, particularly close to home at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge. Featured on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the Refuge Auditorium, these hour-long programs provide an exciting opportunity to learn intriguing facts about our plants, animals, environment, and cultural history. The lectures are free, open to the public, and fun for the entire family. Seating is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please call the Refuge at (302) 684-8419 for more information.

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